

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## PROPER CARE OF THE LAWN

Grass That Must Never Be Neglected If Home Is to Have a Proper Appearance.

One of the most important duties on the home place during the summer is the care of the lawn. There is nothing about a place that makes so much for general attractiveness as a well cared for lawn.

Many people make the mistake of keeping the lawn cut too close. In that case the grass roots are exposed to hot sun and drying winds during the summer. Cut the lawn frequently, but do not set the machine too close. To keep the lawn looking clean at all times have a grass-catcher attachment on the mower. A careful watch for weeds on the lawn should be kept. Cut them out well below the surface with an old knife as soon as they are large enough to be seen.

A roller on the lawn is advisable, but it should be used with care. Lawns that have been rolled for a long time are likely to become over-rolled, there is surface cohesion or close packing of the top soil, which prevents the admission of air and healthy root development. The remedy is the use of the spiked tamper. A home-made one may be made by taking a piece of two-inch plank, some 12x12-inch timber and inserting four-inch spikes an inch and a half or two inches apart. Bore holes a little smaller than the spikes before driving them in, to prevent splitting the wood. Perforate the whole surface thoroughly with this, give a top dressing, lightly rake it in and water the whole thoroughly late in the afternoon.

## HAVE TOP SASH SCREENED

May Be Considered Small Matter, But Is Always Advisable—Advice for Prospective Builder.

Don't forget that you may at some time want to open the top sash of the window, and that flies and mosquitoes are not particular as to through which sash they enter; therefore have the screen run from top to bottom of the window; to do this, side springs will be necessary in the screen frames, but they will cost little more than a screen which can be used only from the bottom sash and which is little better than no screen at all.

Don't forget that there will never be a better time to build than the present; materials of all kinds are cheaper than they have been for several years, and as soon as the European war is over there is sure to be a sharp advance in prices.

Don't say you can't build now because you have not enough money; if you have a little, the co-operative banks and building associations will loan you the balance needed upon terms under which you can pay for the house in monthly installments which would be no more than you would ordinarily be paying for rent.—Exchange.

**The City Beautiful.**  
A one-time mayor of New York, George B. McClellan, said: "In a self-governing community, the ultimate object of the government is the happiness of the governed. Something more is needed to make the happy city than health and wealth and wisdom. The city healthy, the city wealthy, and the city wise, may excite satisfaction, complaisance and pride, but it is the city beautiful that compels and retains the love of people."

When last the tree men of the South met at Riverside, in the music room of the famous Glenwood Mission Inn, an illuminated sign stretched across the stage, which read: "Make your city beautiful and you will learn to love it."

**Standards for Electric Service.**

A representative of the United States bureau of standards has been in conference with the public-service commissions and managers of public-service corporations in various parts of the country. The information so obtained has been used in preparing the bureau's forthcoming circular on "Standards for Electric Service." Another representative of the bureau spent the entire month in the South, making measurements of street illumination and electric current in the street-lighting systems of a number of cities and towns. The results of the investigation will form the basis of a circular on street lighting.

**Use Only Fire-Resisting Material.**

There has been established in Cleveland, O., a society whose object is to disseminate information on the safe, sane and sanitary building of moderate-priced houses. This society recommends only such building materials as will resist the action of the elements, thus reducing to a minimum the fire hazard.

**Shade Trees Improve Property.**

It has been estimated that within the cities of New York state there are 20,000 miles of streets capable of sustaining a growth of 5,000,000 shade trees, which can be made worth \$100,000,000 in increased property value.

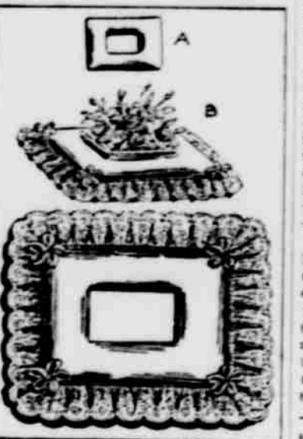
## FANCY-WORK FEATURE

LITTLE NOVELTIES OUT OF THE ORDINARY IN NEEDLE ART.

**Pincushions With Natural Flowers.** is Pleasing Ornament to Dressing Table—Charming Table Center for Home Working.

A few flowers always make a very pleasant addition to the dressing table, and in this sketch we show a novel and useful article for holding them. It consists of an oblong cushion in the center of which is fitted a little glass dish. Any small glass dish will serve for this purpose, and the space in the center of the cushion must, of course, be made to correspond in size.

The pincushion from which our sketch was drawn was of the shape shown in diagram A, on the right of the illustration, and it was covered with cream satin, edged with a fine silk cord and trimmed with lace. In each corner there was a little bunch of very narrow ribbon matching exactly the color of the cord. The left hand sketch clearly shows the way in which the cushion should be made and



Novelty for the Dressing Table.

sketch B shows it complete, with the dish fitted in the center and filled with flowers.

When not being used for flowers, the glass dish makes an excellent receptacle for hairpins and little odds and ends such as buttons, studs, etc. The same idea could be easily carried out in other shapes, and a circular cushion with a little bowl fitted into the center would look very pretty and be equally useful.

A most uncommon and charming center is easily made at home like the one here sketched. A piece of silk, satin or fine muslin will be needed.



Dainty Table Center.

also some sprays of prepared maiden-hair fern, such as can be bought at any fancy shop, some white or cream net and a little lace edging.

Lay the satin or muslin down and arrange on it in the four corners, sprays of fern; arrange until quite satisfied that the effect is dainty and artistic, then lightly stitch the fern here

## GROWING CRAZE FOR BUTTONS

New Specialty Devised for Increased Demand in Trimming Wash Dresses, Blouses and Waists.

To comply with the increasing craze for buttons a welcome new specialty has been devised for the trimming of washing dresses, blouses, etc. For the present these new buttons are only made in white of a gimp texture recalling crochet work, which they supersede by the mere fact of having a mold round or oval, made of a cunning composition warranted to be rain and damp proof. The tiny ball shape appears to be the favorite. It is literally lavished on every accessory of dress, whether placed in separate sets or vertical rows, in circles or in clumps. As an example, a daisy fringe of these wee berries tremble along the edge of the wide brim of a child's shady hat, while a boss of them fills the hearts of a few blossoms softly nestled amid tulle draperies round the low crown. No great effort of imagination is needed to employ these new buttons effectively and no specially deft fingers are required to arrange them in pretty ways. The makers of these white washable buttons will at least have no cause of complaining of the success of their invention. Colored buttons are now clamored for.

**Suffrage Veils.**

The very newest in suffrage regalia is the suffrage veil, which at a little distance looks like any other modish veil of floating, filmy character with a border along the lower edge. Look closely at this border, however, and you will discern that the pattern

## BOX JACKETS QUITE PLAIN

Model Shows Simple but Not Severe Effect, and Expresses Decided Youthfulness and Grace.

The summer's styles are specially suited to developments in white serge, and since a white suit is almost a necessity for many occasions, the difficulty of finding an appropriate model is greatly simplified with such a variety of designs to choose from.



Box jackets with plaited or circular skirts are very smart just now when kept quite plain and tailored. A splendid example of this style is depicted in the sketch, and carried out in white serge or gabardine.

The box jacket model, which has a great deal of style as well as individuality, while affecting the simplest lines, and certain military embellishments is not, as might be supposed, in any way severe, but expresses rather decided youthfulness and grace.

The top is made so that it may be fastened closely about the base of the neck or turned back from the throat by leaving a few buttons undone. The buttons are run from the top to the bust line, and fasten through a set-on strap rounded at its end. The upstanding collar is slightly gathered into the neck, and is cut very high across the back and sides with a point under each ear.

The edge of the jacket runs a trifle longer in back than in front, and shows a straight band-facing some eight inches deep, encircling its width. Button-trimmed straps are set on at either side of the front and the back, with their ends looked under the lower edge, forming a most attractive trimming. Long sleeves show a deep facing.

and there to the satin. Now take the net, which is light and open, and cover or over the satin; sew this round the edges to the satin underneath. The net keeps the fern in position and protects the tiny leaves.

Round the edges of the center sew a pretty little lace or, if liked, a ruche of ribbon can be used, or a binding might be made of cream braid. The binding or lace will hide the joining of the satin and net, and give a little finish. These centers look sweet on the tea table and, of course, any kind of flowers harmonize beautifully with them.

Great care must be taken when putting the centers away; they must not be folded or rolled, or the fern would break; keep the centers always flat and they will keep beautifully.

## WEDDING DRESS IN TAFFETA

Full Skirt Finds Its Chance Here and Ripples Out into Double or Triple Bouffancy.

At smart weddings the number of taffeta dresses worn is noticeable. Here the full skirt finds its chance, and ripples out sometimes in a single skirt, sometimes in a double or even a triple skirt. One very smart model of crisp black taffeta has a double skirt, with the edges trimmed with deep bands of fine tucks. This tucked band holds the double skirt out in a most bouffant manner, and may or may not be edged with a tiny knife plaiting of taffeta. This skirt has been worn most attractively with a bodice, which, though more fitted than those of other seasons, follows the natural line of the figure rather than the pinched-in waist. It drops a bit below the waist in front.

## OLD HATS NOW MADE NEW

Sunburned Straw Transformed by Oil Color and Benzine to Fresh and Pleasing Appearance.

In the August Woman's Home companion a New York woman tells us follows how to make an old hat into a new one:

"I want to tell you how to transform your old hats into new and charming ones with only a tube of oil color and a bottle of benzine. Into a cup of benzine (do not use near a fire) put a little color, mix well and strain through a cloth wet with the benzine. Apply this thin dye with a broad, flat bristle brush to a sunburned Milan or faded dark straw, and, lo! it is fresh and new, and the color will not fade in the sun nor run in a shower. Faded flowers can be dipped into this same dye and be renewed."

## MUSSEL MUD AS FERTILIZER

Organic Remains of Shellfish Secure Fertility to Poorest and Most Exhausted Soil.

Consul Frank Duedmeyer, writes from Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada: In most of the bays indenting the shores of Prince Edward Island are found extensive deposits of mussel mud, so-called locally, being organic remains of countless generations of oysters, mussels, clams, and other bivalves of the ocean, and of crustaceans generally. The shells, usually more or less intact, are found imbedded in dense deposits of mud-like substance and this combination is a fertilizer of high value and potency. It supplies small quantities of phosphates and alkalies. An ordinary dressing of it secures fertility in a striking manner to the poorest or most exhausted soil. The shells decay slowly, year by year, throwing off a film of fertilizing stuff. The deposits around Prince Edward Island vary from five to twenty-five feet in depth. They are taken up by dredging machines worked from rafts in summer or from the ice in winter.

## \$100,000 Conscience Fund.

Ten thousand dollars was added to the treasury department's conscience fund the other day when a special delivery letter from New York, containing that sum in currency, was received at Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's office.

"While the sender has paid double to the United States the amount he to the, yet his conscience is not satisfied, and here's another payment," read a letter accompanying the contribution.

This is the third largest contribution to the conscience fund. Some contributions are as low as a penny.

## Never.

Some people are always saying "There ought to be something done about it," but they never do anything themselves.

## Whom He Dreads.

It isn't the girl who grows indignant when he tries to kiss her that a man dreads. It is the one who laughs at him.

## Portable Hostelry.

"When I landed I took the car for a hotel."

"What a singular mistake!"—Boston Transcript.

## Accurate Clock.

So accurate is an astronomical clock in Germany that after 15 years of use its error was only one second.

## Quite Likely.

"What made Bill go off so violently?"

"I guess he was loaded."

The trouble with Diogenes was not that there were no honest men, but that he tried to find them with a lantern.

## Women employed in the United States arsenal in Philadelphia have asked for a 25 per cent increase in pay.

The attempt to form a separate international union for the bartenders was voted down at the recent convention at San Francisco.

Sweden is increasingly using kerosene and gasoline motors.

From one family in France 72 men enlisted for the European war.



## Serve it—especially when you want everything nice

There are many varieties of coffee and just as many varieties of flavor. Very few people are able to tell these varieties apart merely from appearance.

There is a way, however, for you to be sure of the coffee you buy. Over a million other women get good coffee every time they make it, by using Arbuckle's Coffee.

With Arbuckle's, you too can get the sparkling color and fine, full flavor that make this the coffee over a million women delight in serving, especially



## HE NEEDED PLENTY OF ROOM GETS 2-CENT MONEY ORDER

And Was Willing to Pay for Two as One Didn't Seem to Serve.

During the run of a play at the Coban theater in New York last winter a wobbly person reentered up to the box office one Saturday night when the place was packed and demanded a good seat.

"Nothing left except standing room," said the box office man. "Sell you standing room for a dollar."

The wavering one produced a dollar and went inside. But so many general admissions were grouped at the rear that, over the intervening hedge of heads he caught only vagrant glimpses of what went on upon the stage.

He foggly considered the situation for a spell. Then he rocked his weary way back to the box office window and put a second dollar on the shelf.

"Gimme nozzir one of them standin' rooms," he ordered; "can't see the show at all if you only got one."—Saturday Evening Post.

**Willing to Oblige.**  
"Nora," said the mistress to the new servant, "we always want our meals promptly on the hour."

"Yis, mum. An' if I miss th' first hour shall I wait for th' next?"

The man who says he is glad he is married is either an optimist or a liar.

Australia and New Zealand are the greatest wool-producing countries.

Alaska is 14 times as large as the state of New York.

# Vigor

A determination to "get ahead" is found in every action of the successful man or woman.

Vigor of body and brain comes principally from the food one eats.

# Grape-Nuts

and cream

Is the regular morning ration for thousands who are "making good," and who know that a clear brain and steady nerves are necessary to success.

Made of Wheat and Barley, Grape-Nuts contains all of the vital tissue-building elements of the grains thoroughly baked, concentrated, and easily digested.

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